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SUBJECT: TANZANIA'S FOREIGN MINISTER COMMENTS ON COMMONWEALTH
CONFERENCE'S HANDLING OF RHODESIA

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED TANZANIA NEWS AGENCY(SHIHATA)
ACCOUNT OF REMARKS MADE TO REPORTERS BY FOREIGN MINISTER
BEN MKAPA ON HIS RETURN TO DAR ES SALAAM JUNE 17 FROM LONDON
COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE.

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2. MKAPA CONSIDERED CONFERENCE'S PERFORMANCE ON POLITICAL
MATTERS "SATISFACTORY." HE TOLD REPORTERS THAT TANGOV EXPECIALLY
PLEASED WITH ADOPTION OF ITS RESOLUTION ON THE NECESSITY OF DIS-
MANTLING SMITH'S "APPARATUS OF OPPRESSION" IN ORDER TO ENSURE
EFFECTIVE MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA (REFTEL. IT SHOWED THAT
COMMONWEALTH MEMBERS HAD ACCEPTED "THE REALITY" OF THE
SITUATION.

3. MKAPA SAID TANZANIA AND OTHER PROGRESSIVE COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES WERE NOT OPPOSED TO US-UK EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA. IF THE TALKS WERE TO BE SUCESSFUL, HOWEVER, BRITAIN WOULD HAVE TO ENSURE THAT SMITH'S "INSTRUMENTS OF POWER" WERE DESTROYED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE CREATION OF A PEOPLE'S POLICE AND DEFENSE FORCE TO CONSOLIDATE BLACK MAJORITY RULE.

4. COMMENT. MKAPA'S REMARUU ON COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE WERE MORE POSITIVE THAN COMMENTARY IN GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED PRESS. WE TAKE THIS TO MEAN THAT TANGOV IS SKEPTICAL ABOUT UTILITY OF COMMONWEALTH INVOLVEMENT IN PRELIMINARIES OF A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT BUT WOULD NOT WANT TO RULE OUT A SPECIFIC ROLE FOR THE COMMONWEALTH AT A LATER STAGE.
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